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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hironori FUJIOKA, et al.

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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed reference(s) and the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 in application Serial No. 09/912,498 filed July 26, 2001 are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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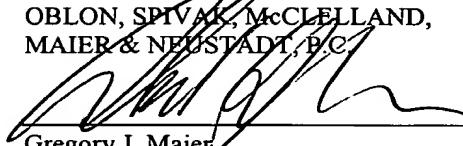
- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a counterpart child application Serial No. 09/912,498 filed July 26, 2001, not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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